

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 27, 2009 in this Application, imposing a restriction requirement, has been carefully considered. In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant conditionally elects Invention I, Claims 1, 3, 7-11, 14-15 and 17-19, with traverse. Applicant has withdrawn Claims 16 and 25, without prejudice.

As to the Examiner's contention that Claim 16 represents a different invention, Applicant respectfully points out that Claim 16 (Invention I), and Claims 1, 3, 7-11, 14-15 and 17-19 (Invention II) all read on Fig. 13. Furthermore, all these claims fall into the same class 341 and subclass 28. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 16 (Invention I) should be examined in this application along with the Claims of Invention I.

The Examiner's ruling that Claim 25 has been constructively withdrawn is respectfully traversed. Claim 25 closely tracks the language in the Specification at Par. 81, and so clearly meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The language of new Claim 25 is also similar to original Claim 1 of this application, so the Examiner has already performed a search of the prior art encompassing this invention. Claim 25 also clearly reads on Fig. 13, as do Claims 1, 3, 7-11, 14-15, 17-19 (Invention I) and Claim 16 (Invention II). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's refusal to consider Claim 25 in this application is believed in error and is respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes the Examiner's suggestion that the application map each limitation of the elected independent claim to specific teachings in the disclosure. Applicant respectfully submits that such mapping should not be required, since the support for the Claims in Fig. 13 and the related text of the specification is believed to be clear.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of one (1) month for making this reply and hereby authorizes the Director to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP. Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due; however, in the event that any fees are due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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